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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA'S POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION

1. AMBASSADOR BAROODY IS FOLLOWING HIS USUAL EVASIVE COURSE AND US OBVIOUSLY NOT READY TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION IN THIS PERIOD BEFORE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION, NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 21 IN FIRST COMMITTEE. AMBASSADOR BENNETT HAD INITIAL CONVERSATION OF WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE MANY WITH BAROODY EVENING OCTOBER 13. BAROODY PROFESSED FRIENDSHIP BUT WAS PLAYING HARD-TO-GET.

2. BAROODY WOULD NOT SAY HE WAS PREPARED TO GIVE US SUPPORT ON PRIORITY OR ON FIRENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTION ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROK. AT ONE POINT BENNETT COMMENTED WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE PRINCE SAUD'S ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT DURING HIS U.S. VISIT AND THIS REDUCED BAROODY'S BOMBAST TO A NOTICEABLE DEGREE. BAROODY SAID HE WOULD HAVE SOME LANGUAGE OF HIS OWN TO PROPOSE (AS HE DOES EVERY YEAR), BUT WITH PATIENT AND WATCHFUL HANDLING WE CAN PROBABLY COUNT ON HIS CARRYING OUT FONMIN'S PROMISE IN THE END.

3. BAROODY MADE NO PROMISES WITH RESPECT TO GULF STATES.

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HE LIKES TO POSE AS MENTOR AND DECISION-MAKER FOR GULF STATES

REPS, BUT HE TALKS A CAUTIOUS LINE TO SUSTAIN HIS INFLUENCE,  
CONSTANTLY REMINDING THAT GULF STATE  
AMBASSADOR ARE RESTLESS YOUNG MEN WHO BELONG TO ANOTHER  
GENERATION. HE DESCRIBED GROUP AS OPENLY DISCUSSING KOREAN  
ISSUE IN HIS PRESENCE WITH HIS LISTENING IN (HARD TO CONCEIVE  
BAROODY AS BEING SILENT ON SUCH AN OCCASION, OR ON ANY OTHER  
OCCASION FOR THAT MATTER). HE SAYS GULF STATES REPS CONSIDER  
THEY WERE MISLED BY US LAST YEAR ON CAMBODIAN QUESTION. WE TOLD  
THEM MOST POPULATION AND TERRITORY WAS IN HANDS OF FORCES  
SUPPORTING LON NOL. SHORT MONTHS LATER LON NOL  
COLLAPSED AND WE PULLED OUT. IS THE SAME THING LIKELY TO  
HAPPEN IN KOREA? HE SAYS HE MUST BE CAREFUL. GULF STATES REPS  
DON'T WISH TO BE CONSIDERED IN U.S. POCKET. IT IS CLEAR THAT  
BAROODY IS NOT READY AS OF NOW TO APPROACH GULF STATES ON KOREA.  
WE SHALL KEEP WORKING ON HIM, OF COURSE. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT  
WILL KNOW BEST WHETHER TO ENERGIZE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO BE ACTIVE  
IN CAPITALS.  
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